

in strength and spirits, so that at the period of receiving your note I was scarcely able to turn my attention to any thing, even now, I am compelled to use an amanuensis.

I feel deeply touched by the mark of consideration so kindly extended to me by the Society which I dearly loved in my youth, and with which many of my most happy and agreeable reminiscences are most interestingly entwined.

It would [be] quite impossible to decline so signal an honor, and the only reluctance I feel is that it may seem almost ridiculous to attempt to perpetuate the memory of so perfect a ruin as more than two years of prostrating illhealth has left me. I have hope however, that winter and spring may restore some portion of my usual health, and enable me to sit for my portrait, when I shall promptly comply with your request, or in default of *that*, I have in my house a portrait, said to be a good likeness, and by an artist of high reputation which should be at your service, at any time suiting your convenience, to take the copy.

I must beg of the committee to present to the Society the deep sense I entertain of their kind remembrances of one so completely retired, and so much out of the eye of the world as I am.

With my profound acknowledgements of this mark of respect on the part of the Society, and my thanks for the courteous manner in which you have communicated it, I have the honor to be very truly and affectionately

Your & their obt. Servt.

WILLIE P. MANGUM.

To Messrs

M. H. PINNIX)	
JOS. L. GRANBERY)	Committee.
JAS. L. GAINS)	

*Sally Alston (Mangum) Leach to Charity A. Mangum*¹⁷

RANDOLPH, Dec 26. '58

My dearest Mother,

I have received one letter from home since my return and the Frankfort paper. I was glad to hear that all was well.— for

¹⁷The original is in the possession of Miss Preston Weeks, Washington, D. C.